

**Department of Veterans Affairs
New York Harbor Healthcare System
Manhattan Campus**

**General Practice Residency Program
Dentistry**

Program Director: Jeffrey L. Tarlow, DDS

Program Goals:

1. To enable residents to provide dental and oral care in a Medical Center setting. The residents will learn how to interact with other healthcare providers, including dental specialists.
2. To teach residents how to appropriately care for adult patients with multiple systemic/psychiatric disorders.
3. To develop the residents' ability to diagnose oral pathology, sequence, and deliver treatment for a wide spectrum of clinical presentations, from emergency/palliative to comprehensive care. Emphasis is on current concepts of general dentistry.
4. To provide residents with an evidence-based foundation for treatment decisions.
5. To develop the residents' interest in community service, including teaching.

Clinical Program:

Approximately 70% of residents' time is in the Dental Service. The majority of patients are male outpatients. No pediatric dentistry, and limited orthodontics are done. Most patients receive comprehensive care. Each resident is responsible for the complete treatment of his or her own *patient*.

Didactic Program:

1. Mondays, 12:30pm – 1:30pm: lectures are given on a variety of topics. These are generally presented by members of the Medical staff, or from dental company representatives.
2. Fridays, 12:30pm – 1:30pm: lectures are given by the Dental staff and residents. Each resident gives one patient presentation and one subject presentation during the year.
3. Literature review: one afternoon each month, with Dr. Tarlow. Articles are discussed, with slides/video tapes.
4. Treatment planning seminar: with Dr. Dennis Tarnow, monthly from 12:30pm – 1:30pm. Each resident will present a patient requiring multi-disciplinary treatment.
5. Chart reviews: held monthly, for 1-2 hours, with Dr. Tarlow or Dr. Melillo.

6. Medicine and Physical Diagnosis: presented by a physician, this is a multiple lecture series.
7. Teaching rounds in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: Mondays, 7:00am - 8:00am, at NYU College of Dentistry. These are case review seminars.

Clinic Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm. No patients are to be treated after 4:30pm.

Rotations: Phlebotomy: 1 week (am); Primary Care: 2 weeks (am and pm); Anesthesiology: 2 weeks (am and pm); Oral Surgery: 1 ½ weeks (am); Emergency/Trauma: from 4:00pm until 10:00pm, eight times during the year, at Bellevue Hospital.

On call assignments:

There are 2 different types of on call assignments: 1) Officer of the Day (“OD”) assignment: during this assignment, the resident takes care of clinic walk-in emergencies, Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm. Each resident (gpr and specialty) takes OD call for one week at a time, on a rotation basis (i.e., every 15 weeks). The residents’ own patients are not scheduled during the OD week.

Each general practice resident also has a specific OD assignment from 8:00am – 10:00am to cover for the specialty residents who are in class at that time.

2) VA on call assignment: General practice residents take care of after-hours and week-end VA emergency patients. The general practice resident carries the VA pager during this assignment.

Salary: Approximately \$56,000 per year.

Leave policy: Residents receive 26 days of paid annual leave. Fourteen days may be used during the year, the remainder being paid to the resident at the completion of the program. Residents receive 13 days of sick leave for the year. Annual leave must be requested in advance and approved by the Chief of Service or Assistant Chief of Service. Leave is charged only for weekdays. Residents receive 10 paid federal holidays as leave, as well as one day of administrative leave to attend The Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Attending staff: general dentists: Dr. James Melillo, (full-time); Dr. Norman Sorkin, (1 day per week); Dr. Nahid Maroof (1 day per week); Dr. Carmen Schuller (1/2 day per week); prosthodontists: Dr. Jeffrey Tarlow and Dr. Stephen Bergen, (full-time); oral surgeons: Dr. Gayle Miranda (full-time); Dr. Mark Moses (half-time); Dr. Josh Perry (1/2 day per week); periodontists: Dr. Gregory Kazandjian (full-time); Dr. Cynthia Gomez (½ day per week); endodontist: Dr. Bernard Lichtenstein (4/5 time). In addition, the specialty residents are available to assist and advise the general practice residents when required.

Accreditation: This residency is fully accredited by the American Dental Association.

Application procedure: This program participates in the Dental Matching Program (www.natmatch.com/dentres), and the PASS Program (www.ADEA.org/pass). The last day the program accepts applications is November 1. We require 3 letters of recommendation (submitted through the PASS Program), as well as a Department of Veterans Affairs Application (VA form 10-2850b). This application may be obtained by contacting: Linda Francisco (e mail: Linda.Francisco@med.va.gov). Return the completed VA application to: Dr. Jeffrey L. Tarlow, Dental Service, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, NY Harbor Healthcare System, Manhattan Campus, 423 East 23rd St., New York, NY 10010.

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